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Redevelopment grant will aid Library Project

LANSING – The City of Hastings has received a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to help the Hastings Library Project construct a new library, announced Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township.

The grant will be used to construct a new 20,000-square foot library on the site of a former gas station. It will serve as a demonstration center and model for teaching about environmentally responsible development. Special features will include a green roof and rain garden.

“Redeveloping the site of a former gas station into something usable, educational and environmentally friendly will be a great addition for Hastings,” Birkholz said. “The Library Project will promote conservation and other ecological techniques while cleaning up a polluted area that might otherwise sit abandoned.”

The grant is from the Clean Michigan Initiative Grant fund, designed to clean up polluted sites around the state. The Brownfield Redevelopment Grants are used to encourage businesses to locate at previously-used sites where infrastructure exists but where environmental issues might otherwise hinder redevelopment.

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